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**California Department of Corporations Reminds Small Businesses that
Online Filing of Securities Transaction Notices is Now Available**

SACRAMENTO --- The California Department of Corporations today reminded small businesses that raise capital to electronically file their Limited Offering Exemption Notice (LOEN) filings for securities transactions. Earlier this month, the Department announced a proposed amendment to Rule 260.102.14 that requires the notice be filed electronically online using the Department of Corporation's Web site, www.corp.ca.gov.

It is anticipated that the proposed rule will become effective January 1, 2005. In the meantime, the Department encourages small businesses to begin filing the notices electronically now to familiarize themselves with the online filing system. The objective of filing electronically using the Department of Corporation's Web site is to improve government efficiency and service to the public, as well as to reduce operating costs.

The Department also reminds businesses that new filing fees will take effect on Friday, October 1, 2004. The maximum filing fee for 25102(f) filings is \$300.00. Following is a detailed breakdown of the fees:

<u>Value of Securities Proposed to be Sold</u>	<u>Fee</u>
\$25,000 or less	\$25
\$25,001 to \$100,000	\$35
\$100,001 to \$500,000	\$50
\$500,001 to \$1,000,000	\$150
Over \$1,000,000	\$300

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